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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Monday - July 2nd

Dear Earl.

The copy of letter to H.B. Foss came yesterday. Speedy, to be sure. Hope you got the contract matters ironed out satisfactorily - am leaving my committee responsibility chiefly in Willis Booth's hands, I think he would rather have it so, and an increase, or maintenance of harmony is always an excellent quality.

On June 22nd as we were coming up Clarence Strait's bound for Wrangell and Petersburg a sudden clanging gave warning that something was wrong. Quick examination showed that the stern bearing was loosened from some cause or other. It was useless to stop in Wrangell = no grid available for our size boat = so we stopped in Petersburg but got no help there either. = Repair facilities in most Alaskan places now are at a low ebb.

We proceeded slowly to Juneau, and waited

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anxiously for six days before we could here
get our turn to go on grid. Then at 3 A.M.
on the 28th we got out of the water and found
the stern bearing completely broken off at the base.
- By telegraph we learned that a new bearing
could not be supplied for 30 days, of the
rubber-lined type that was used. We
decided on putting in one of the older
babbitt type, (later it can be re-bored and
a Goodyear Cutlass rubber insert installed)
and on the 30th late in afternoon we were
afloat again.

Some will probably think, "My what
a vacation!" Eight days of no work!
Well bless their landlubber souls, I'd much
rather work hard, = we had to keep constant
watch, first hoping for an opening for our
size boat to get on the grid, among the
many fishing boats who have all the
priority rights for repairs at this time of
year. Then after we are on the grid, there
is the further watchfulness necessary to
keep the boat from tipping over with the
rise and fall of the tide.

2nd sheet
And when we are finally "all clear," and
fed up with sleeplessness, someone asks
about our leaving time - it's really funny -
"Couldn't you leave in the evening and get
around the circuit by the 4th of July"?

Do they think I'm merely a passenger on
the boat, or some automaton that simply
has to speak and things move?

- And believe me, Earl, I'm not griping =

It is just that I feel something needs
to be written in order that there come up
no misunderstanding about the whys
or wherefores of the amount of boat movement.

The missionary, to be crew member, Engineer,
always available for call at any moment in
port or at sea, has a tax upon him
that is draining upon his energy indeed.

= It may take a scalp or two, or three, for
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all and sundry to ascertain what can be
and what can not be expected of our boat-
men ^{and boat.} In that case, my scalp would come
first. And may I say, entirely with good
humor, that I am not without some
anticipation of such an event.

And now for the remaining 24 hours in
port I'll be digging out the figures of
the financial report, which I certainly
hope gets on the mail line with no
further delay —

We're going to Sitka to swap members
of our Bible teaching staff - and then go on
to a very promising point, Pelican City =

Haven't heard from Ed Freeman yet - but
his new-born may have arrived and he would
then be too busy to write about the results
at Kasaaan. With prayer that such
analysis be without rancor, Sincerely -
Paul

July 5, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We were glad to hear from you with more detailed information concerning developments at Kasaan and your Vacation Bible School program. We are delighted that you find in Mrs. Hatch and Miss Houk such capable helpers. We are wondering what arrangements you made for them for remuneration or a token gift for the summer!

We were sorry that you were not able to arrange for Miss Collier to live at Kasaan for the three months. I have had a feeling, which has come to a climax in this experience, that we ought somehow to get several summer helpers and put them in at these canning centers over the summer. I am concerned over the fact that such places as Craig have no one responsible for religious work under our Church during the busy season. I spoke to Mrs. Swanson about this last April with the idea that she might do some work and we would pay her something for it. She indicated, however, that she usually went along on the boat and acted as cook for the crew. We can easily set aside one thousand dollars out of special funds for three extra people in the summer to carry such a program. Give this some thought and we shall look toward further developments later.

We have asked for and received permission from the Board to spend additional money in the renovation of the boat. We now have authority to go ahead with a ship-to-shore radio. You may make arrangements for it and arrange the installation at a time when you will be in Juneau at home and can clear your license under the Alaska Communications Bureau.

I think we can arrange for a mimeograph for you on the ship. The matter of the sound projector may have to wait awhile for two reasons. First of all, we cannot obtain them here, and we may want the use of this as a special project to secure additional funds rather than using the money which we have on hand.

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Glad to know that you have a new arrangement in the galley which will cut down the smoke and grease and give you better circulation.

In response to your suggestion, I am wondering if we might arrange for Andrew Wanamaker to be a lay-worker again. He used to do this and since Sam Johnson will not be with us next winter, we might arrange for Andrew to go to Kake, live in the manse, minister through the Church, and build up the property. You indicated Andrew's ability to gather his people around him and get them to work. Kake needs considerable work done on the Church and house. The piling in the rear of the house needs to be replaced, the floors leveled up, and the tower of the Church repaired. Both buildings need to be painted. Willie Duguqua said they had paint on hand for the Church and we have a little extra money designated for repairs on the property.

You have indicated Elder Martin's hope that Arthur Johnson would be their lay-worker. Arthur has said that he would not want to do this unless he had some training. Leslie Yaw has indicated his willingness to have him come to Sitka to be a maintenance man part of the time and take some courses from the faculty and the minister of the Sitka Church. He could do this next winter; then become a lay-worker later. I am not sure that Arthur has quite the right spirit and attitude but perhaps his attitude can be changed some.

Glad to see that you have made a definite outline of the program for the use of the boat. This is always wise because then you have a schedule mapped out and have a job to do when being called her and there for every small errand. I heartily approve of the use of the boat from nearby places for the Jones meeting in Juneau and Ketchikan. Contact those within reasonable distance and see if it is possible to bring many of them in.

It would be my suggestion that you lay out a year's program realizing that there are certain months at quarterly intervals when attention ought to be given to the village churches with lay-workers so that they would be sure of having Session meetings and communion services. The service for Sheldon Jackson School for pick-up and delivering students, the Young People's Conference, perhaps the Faith and Life Seminary next summer, one trip for the choir, one trip for basket ball (?) can be included if the Committee is willing, and the school officials would then understand that that service is allowed and that is about all they can hope to ask for. Upon action of the Committee a trip can be made for the Brotherhood Convention.

We have sent the contract for the Church at Hoonah back to Mr. Foss because the ceiling price was not included in the contract. When that is returned to us and all cared for, we will then be ready to go ahead as of August first. They have indicated the completion of the building in November. If and when the Church is ready for dedication, Dr. Clee of the Second Church of Newark would fly up for the dedication service. He would

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fly to Juneau and then we would want you to meet him there and take him by boat to Hoonah. I am not sure that we ought to count on a dedication service this Fall pending developments. The Church may not be completed and may not have the proper furniture even if the building is completed. We must consider the possibility of pews or of getting a couple of hundred chairs which can be put into the sanctuary temporarily and moved around to various parts of the building as they need them until such time as we can see how we come out financially and then make a special project of the funds. All these things need consideration and any suggestions which you have will be welcome.

I think we are making progress in this matter and I hope after a year or two we may have a good working basis for a full program. Certainly, there is need for the use of the boat every hour of every day and yet in that program we must make provision for you to spend sometime at home for rest, fellowship with your family, and study. If Andrew takes a Church as lay-worker, we shall then have to think of someone else to help you on the boat.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Rel to Miss Kaelner #711
Near Earl = There is much to be desired
that is not here = More "human
interest"

OUR MISSIONARY BOAT PRINCETON-HALL IN ACTION AGAIN

During Southeastern Alaska's past winter and spring, though old timers speak of them as the stormiest in years, the Princeton-Hall was able to do many things worth while. After a five day struggle with snow and wind and wave she came to Metlakatla in March and had the dull gray color removed and the natural wood trim restored, with the main body again painted white. The color-of-light, white, so much more typifies the Christian cause for which the boat was built and dedicated, than the dark battle gray of her Navy service.

for instance.
Am
sorry
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at
your
expense.
Will
you
forgive
me?
Paul

The first group service rendered was in taking delegates of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood to their convention in Kake. Many words of deep appreciation were given by the delegates who said they had a more comfortable trip this time than ever before.

To reduce travel costs, errands and accommodations and duties are combined as much as possible. The gathering of children for Haines House was combined with the Southern trip of taking the splendid Klawock choir to Hydaburg for a two-day period of gospel services and concert. The Klawock group were returning a visit made by the Hydaburg choir to them last year. In fact, they said the Hydaburg visitation had inspired them to organize their choir with such splendid success.

One of the major interests of Southeast Alaska this year is the rebuilding of Hoonah, which last year was nearly all destroyed by fire. Our church and manse is to be rebuilt. In the meantime, it has been our work to assist in establishing temporary manse quarters and a temporary community building. The re-establishing of this prosperous fishing and cannery community is being done in a worthy manner, so much so in fact, the new town bids fair to become a model one in its architecture, landscaping and sanitation.

Sandwiched in between major circuit trips, the Princeton-Hall finds many requests for individual services such as emergency illnesses, appendicitis cases, pneumonia. And sometimes the illness results in death, with the need arising for the body to be returned home for burial. We cannot meet all such requests. Other boats whose owners will permit their use must be found in order that the Princeton-Hall's religious educational program be not too seriously interrupted.

Meetings of Presbytery are better attended now that there is an increase of transportation facilities for delegates. The recent spring meeting of Presbytery was a happy one in many ways. Delegates could really accomplish much preliminary acquaintanceship aboard the boat before arrival and thus the business was transacted with greater understanding and speed than otherwise. Plans for the fall meeting combined with an adult workers' conference are developing.

Our Secretary for Alaska, Rev. J. Earl Jackman, came for an extensive visitation at Presbytery time, and it was our delight to transport him through pretty severe weather and rolling seas. There was no doubt in this instance that a New York executive experienced with the missionary boatmen what they have to go through. Mr. Jackman acquitted himself with flying colors, in both the spirit of humble submission to the sea, and prompt recovery.

During the war years a remarkably steady performance of accomplishment has been in progress at Sheldon Jackson School. The staff there is to be highly commended for their courage in carrying on, hard by a Naval base, subject to a surprise onslaught by a fanatical enemy, at any time, especially during the opening months of war. In February their boys' basketball team was taken to Wrangell, Metlakatla, Ketchikan, and Petersburg, for games and a program of information about their school. One program was broadcast over radio from Ketchikan. They did not win all their games, but they did win honorable mention for their school and for themselves by their gentlemanly deportment and accomplishments. A choir of forty and more voices has been developing there and the quality of their production attracted such attention it was realized their work if presented in the territorial capital of Juneau would make many friends for the school. The Princeton-Hall, with the SJS II, transported the choir for four programs in auditorium, churches, and over the air. It was a clear and impressive proof of good quality effort with ability at Sheldon Jackson.

Then the close of the school year came and the students were taken home for the summer by the two boats. Immediately after, more than half a hundred delegates to the Summer Conference were brought for a very fine week, the same as similar conferences all across the States. All were housed on the Sheldon Jackson campus and used the school kitchen, dining room, and equipment.

Bible schools in remote places have now begun. Kasaan, where no public school has been held for some time, and where there are from twelve to twenty children, besides older people, is this week receiving our help. Mrs. Helen Hatch, teacher of Bible at Sheldon Jackson School, and Miss Cora Houk, office secretary, are a team giving their vacation time to the whole community, including home visitation. A force of a hundred or more cannery workers are gathering for summer work and a good number of them attend worship services. Forty were present for the service last Sunday evening.

We will continue answering urgent calls for services and schools in points that not only welcome us but beg us to come. We could use four boats, right here in S. E. Alaska. We are operating one.

MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
Paul H. Prouty
Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

July 25, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Before leaving for my vacation I wanted to write you concerning some of the things which have been pending.

I have had an opportunity to go over the three months' reports which you forwarded and have separated the various items in their proper relationship with our budget here at the office. We hope the time will come when we can get all these things in a little better order for your reports and our records here.

According to your reports you have exhausted the amount of the cost of renovation which we have advanced to you by \$370.17. We are asking the Treasury to give us a check for this amount which will clear this item to June 14, 1945. This check will be put back into the bank account and reimburse the operating account.

We also discover in the final payment of labor and supplies for the temporary provision for Woonah that you have expended an additional \$119.41 from the operating account. We are enclosing a check for this amount which will reimburse your operating account.

There is one other item advanced for Kasan to Mr. Freeman. We have sent him \$100 to cover any expenses which he may have with a suggestion that if he needs it he will continue to use this amount supplementing your advance. If his expenses is not larger he should reimburse you for the \$50. which you advanced. We shall settle this point at a later time before the end of the budget year.

There is plenty of money in your account to protect any expenditure which you may have and we shall try to follow this closely with you. You should be asking for the regular expense allowance for the boat each month and we will make a settlement before the end of the budget year concerning the excess field receipts.

We realize the difficulty which you have in being regular with your reports. As we are able to get your program and work adjusted, we hope to

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come down to some regularity in making out your reports on the fifteenth of each month which will cover your activities and expenses for the preceding thirty days. If we could have this regularly we would be able to catch up on all of the matters which need adjustment from time to time.

As a result of going over the reports the following suggestions have come to me which may help us work things out more smoothly. You should have one bank account which would carry a sufficient balance for emergencies which might come. There has been no indication whether the bank is charging for your checks and deposits nor is there any indication whether they charge you for the checks which you receive from us. You may have said something to me about this but I have no clear recollection of it.

As we are able to work out of the renovation period, we shall want you to use the regular form for your operating account. For the present time this can be followed and we should have a separate statement from you about the cost of renovation.

Ordinarily our auditors ask us for cancelled checks or receipted bills for amounts of \$5. or more. We shall have to begin following this procedure. Up until the present we have been able to cover it because we are working through an emergency period of adjustment.

Where an advance is made to your account for something special like Kasaan or Hoonah, this should not be included in your operating report but we should have a separate statement on it so that statement can be used as a record with our Treasury Department and the account can be reimbursed from other funds to cover these advances. When you make up reports on expenses it would be helpful to have brief specific statements about them but we do not want to bother you with too much minute detail.

You have already followed the procedure of giving us a separate sheet showing the purchases which you have made with the money which you check out for yourself for cash. This is helpful to us with the auditors. We would suggest that wherever you check out for cash in a particular month, that instead of carrying over a part of it into the next month's report you simply give us a statement of these expenditures for that particular amount for the month in which the check for cash was made.

In your summer program of Vacation Bible Classes you have had several helpers. You have said nothing about compensation for them but have rather given us the impression that they have been willing to use their vacation period to render this assistance. We presume that you have cared for their food and housing on the boat during this period so they have had no net expenditure for their work. We should make a modest appropriation to each one of them for services through the Vacation Bible School budget of Sunday School Missions. If you feel it would be well to grant them \$10. or \$15. a week each we could justify this expenditure and do it. We shall wait for a report from

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you on this before anything is done. At least we can write a letter to each from the office thanking them for their help in the summer program.

We are glad to know that you have been able to accomplish so much toward the first summer's activity with the boat. This is a good beginning and ought to present some of the possibilities for a greater service in southeastern Alaska.

We hope that you are going to be able to find some free time for rest and relaxation. After such a heavy summer you will need it.

Kindest personal regards!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not
signed by Dr. Jackman

August 1, 1946

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We were glad to get your report from Sitka on the first two Vacation Bible Schools with Fern Gable, Ellen Hope and Irene Benson. We are sending Ellen and Irene each a check for \$20 with a note of appreciation for their services.

Also we were glad to get your report on Kasuan. Miss Stauffer has asked permission to work in the cannery if she can do it without interfering with her church program. We have granted her that permission. Yesterday we had a wire from her indicating that a widowed sister-in-law might come to live with her. This would give her company, and we have approved this possibility.

I have investigated the matter of Walter Soboleff going to S.J.S., and Miss Stauffer going to Haines. Mrs. Hatch is going to stay at S.J.S. next winter, so there is no place for Walter on the staff now. Ed and Ned have not requested the services of Miss Stauffer so there seems small possibility for her return to Haines. Something else might develop later however.

We have had a letter from Dr. Jesse H. Baird, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary accepting the leadership in the Christian Workers Conference September 18 to 30. Dr. Baird will be in Seattle, prepared to fly north the morning of September 15 or 16. If you are going to be in Ketchikan or Metlakatla picking up delegates there, we would suggest that he get off there and go with you on the boat trip so that he can see some of our village work. He has asked us to make the arrangements for his air transportation so we ought to know from you as soon as possible whether he should fly north on the 15th or 16th, whether he should get off at Metlakatla or go on to Juneau.

After the Christian Workers Conference is over, Dr. Baird will not be in such a hurry to get back so he could take the other boat to Juneau and return by steamship from Juneau to Seattle. If you have a suggestion on this, I shall be glad to have it.

We still do not have any financial and monthly reports from you. Vouchers have not been received and payments have not been made for the monthly expense for the ship. People are asking us where you are and what you are doing until it is getting a bit embarrassing here. Realizing the pressure of your work, we have tried to be understanding and sympathetic but there must be some radical change in the situation.

A long letter from Jack Webster indicates the approval of the Committee for the arrangement of Roland and Jewell Burrows. We have not had a report on this.

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yet, but we assume that the new relationship will begin August 1.

Through a mistake in our office of visual aids, two new projectors have been mailed to Miss Emma Stauffer at Kasaan. She has written that the first one had a broken lens. It will have to be replaced. It will take a little time to work out this arrangement, but if and when she receives two new projectors in good condition, I would suggest that we place one of them on the Princeton-Hall as permanent equipment rather than have it returned. We can provide for it in some way. This will then mean that we will have to get a beaded screen of some size to go with it. Also, Miss Stauffer has my projector which George Betts would like to have. We are telling her to keep it until you come on the next trip when you can pick it up and see that George gets it. We will work it out with him later.

Information has come to me that Walter Soboleff went fishing on July 16. He did not report it to us nor did he ask permission to go. We are withholding his August check until we get some report from him. I hate to do this, but he has given us no picture of his financial need. He could be helped in some other way than going fishing.

Let us know as early as possible on the arrangements for Dr. Baird, and remember, brother reports, REPORTS. Kindest personal regards.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

AUG 24 1945
MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Aug. 21 '45

Dear Earl;

Have had a considerable of a rest these three weeks, albeit we have used the sunshine days to paint the exterior of the boat and have done much needed setting in order inside .

Since the 15th of July, John Williams of S J S Junior College has taken Andrew's place and assisted with the schools beside, he has largely assumed responsibility for painting too .

Am enclosing the voucher for the last half of July and all of August. That much should be charged to operating expense. Some days when we had to work overtime to take advantage of the sunshine for drying paint should be charged to renovation. Therefore I shall issue him separate check for such overtime and record it as for renovation.

Harry Champlin has been in town a couple of days on Rotary business and visited us both on the boat and at 814 Gold Belt.

Hope you have had a midsummer respite and are too, refreshed .

A heap of correspondence faces me. So more later.

Sincerely, and with prayer for the abundance
of faith .

Paul

August 28, 1945

AIR MAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Glad to hear from you again and to know that you have had some vacation or at least rest from being on the waters this summer.

We knew that there was a possibility of Andrew leaving the boat for the summer, but we had no report that he had left. Without this definite information his checks have been forwarded to him in the regular way and the August check has already gone out. We will have to ask you to see him and collect for August and one half of July or ask him to return it to us. We cannot take any action on the voucher for John Williams until it is settled with Andrew because our system of accounting does not permit us to pay two men for the same job.

I am sorry that Andrew left the boat for the summer, but this may be the break for a better arrangement for your help. If I had known he was going fishing for the summer, I would never have increased his salary for the rent. The increase was given on the basis of a year round service. If your helper is going to drop off each fishing season, we should not pay as much money for winter service.

Has it been decided yet whether Andrew will be with us next fall and is he going to Kake? I have not written to him about it directly, pending a report from you on it. Verne Swanson has written that if we do arrange for Andrew to go to Kake it should be definitely understood what we will require of him.

Do you have any late word concerning the situation at Kasaan? Ed Freeman has written that he has only been able to get transportation for three visits. Will there be enough of the village left after the cannery closes to warrant having a worker there? If so, we ought to anticipate this and send word to Miss Stauffer. She should be ready when you move Cyrus Peck.

We do not have anyone yet for Hydaburg, and I am concerned about Hydaburg, Kake and Kasaan. If Miss Stauffer goes to Kasaan and Andrew to Kake, then we will have to move quickly to get someone for Hydaburg. If the situation at Kasaan does not warrant a worker then we could send Miss Stauffer to Hydaburg, as we planned at Presbytery, for this winter. James Edensso wrote that they would increase their monthly contribution if we could get an ordained man.

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No ordained man has yet appeared on the horizon. I would appreciate an early reply from you.

When the time comes to move Cyrus Peck it has been agreed by Verne Swanson that he ought to take with him as much of the furniture, and particularly the two stoves, from the Klawock Manse, as practicable. You may have heard that the manse at Craig burned, but Verne Swanson is willing to live in the Klawock manse. Something can be done at Craig in this case. Swansons have enough furniture of their own so this will not interfere with Cyrus taking the Klawock furniture.

By the way the Craig manse was owned by the Presbytery and Verne questions whether there was insurance on it. If not, this will be a loss to the Presbytery. Meanwhile, someone has been receiving the rent from the house and this rent ought to be available for repairs.

Miss Ann Elizabeth Taylor, Secretary for Women's Promotion is coming up for the Workers' Conference in Sitka. I had told her that she ought to be in Juneau about October 9 to get on the boat to pick up the members for the conference. This would give her an opportunity to see some of the work at the beginning, and after the conference she could transfer to the other boat that is returning the members of the conference and see a larger part of our work. She has arranged a reservation from Seattle on September 25 and wants to use the time prior to the conference seeing our work. With this reservation she will arrive in Ketchikan (although her reservation is to Juneau on the Northland) about the end of the Jones meetings. I am wondering about the possibility of suggesting that she visit Ketchikan and Metlakatla before she goes on up farther north. She wants to go to Cordova, but that is out. She will want to see as many of the villages as possible and visit Haines House. I could have suggested to her that since you will be in Ketchikan with the boat for the Jones meetings that she get on the boat with you and go north. I have not suggested it because visiting these villages on the way would delay the return and prevent you from having a few days at home before you begin to pick up for the Workers' Conference. In addition to that, I am not sure that you may want to cook for a woman Board secretary en route. She cooks her own meals in her apartment here and perhaps could be made a member of the crew as a cook. If you desire to work this out this way, let me have your plan for this trip before I make any suggestions to her. It would help also if we had a statement of the itinerary of both boats in gathering up and returning the people for the conference.

I notice your plan for a year's program. Can we help you in any materials? We left behind some of these programs that we had at Presbytery meeting, but you may have something different in mind. If we can help you don't hesitate to call on us.

Rev. Paul H. Prouty

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August 26, 1945

We notice in the clipping that you stopped at Hoonah on the way home from Pelican City. What late news is there regarding the church building?

We have had no reports from Walter Soboleff this budget year. At the end of July I got hard hearted and held up his August check, informing him that the Treasury would withhold it until his reports were received. So far no reports have come in. Meanwhile, we discovered that he is behind in his pension payments, which might indicate that he needed the money so I asked the treasury to forward the check and wrote to Walter telling him that the reports must come in. While we were together last meeting, I kidded him about this, but it is now passed that stage. We must do something to stir him up.

With another coat of paint the boat ought to shine. I wish I could have another trip on her soon.

We asked Everett King to come up for the Bible Hour and preach a sermon of rededication for the boat, but he is unable to come. We have not yet found a man for the Bible Hour, but we are still searching.

We are remembering the Jones meetings in prayer and hope they will be a great spiritual blessing to Alaska. Let us have some news from you.

Cordially yours,

JEJ/mk

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated but not signed by
Dr. Jackman

Handwritten notes and signatures, including "J. Earl Jackman" and "August 26, 1945".

September 4, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

I do not seem to be able to get all the things in one letter so must write again and again.

We are awaiting word concerning Andrew. Is he going to be back on the boat with you or will he go to Kake. I have had no word from him or anyone else about his plans and how we are going to keep Kake supplied this winter.

Willie Dugaqua has written suggesting Arthur Johnson for Kake but I understood he would not do it without some training.

No one yet for Hydaburg either. Miss Stauffer is at Haines waiting assignment and some decision ought to be made before you go up with Cyrus so you can bring her down with you.

Mr. Fox took his car and trailer with him. We paid for it so do not hesitate to ask him for the use of it to take Cyrus' furniture up to Klukwan. I will write to Fox about going up quarterly for communion so you will not have that as a required responsibility but a visit from you would be helpful.

We are coming to the end of the budget year and we want to be sure that all of your vouchers for salary and expense on the boat are in. I am asking the Board to allow us to put all the excess Field Receipts from the boat into the reserve fund for extra repairs and replacements. They may or may not grant this.

The Treasury has asked us to have in their hands by October 5th all receipts, bills and checks for balances at the end of the year. We shall need from you a full accounting of your running expense account and a check for the balance by the above date. You need not give us a final accounting and clearance of the money in the renovation account now. This does not need to be cleared at the end of the budget year. On second thought,

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

September 4, 1945

however, your report of extra painting may mean that you have had to use some of the running account to cover the cost of this renovation. Do the best you can on this as promptly as possible and we will try to adjust it with the treasury.

We are remembering in prayer the Jones meetings and we trust they will do something powerful for Alaska.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Dictated but not
signed by Dr. Jackman

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
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September 10, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

Now for a few moments of humble exaltation. There has been through many weeks good evidence of God's care and oversight. These weeks have been too full of boating with all the attendant boat care, summer schools, new acquaintances, etc., to find time for correspondence. I think I regret this as much as anyone, for I know that to be able to report the drama of days as they pass is acceptable to us all and very important.

Jane Gillespie writes, and I quote, "The Princeton-Hall is one of the most thrilling of our missionary projects, and this gives us a wonderful opportunity to spread through the young people of our Church news of its tremendous service. We are counting on you to ^{do} this." Realizing this to be true, again I say I regret that more has not been reported.

The war now done should open the way for us to have a young man on the boat who can take full charge of the machinery, thereby relieving me of several hours per day duty there.

But to report privately some of the things that give me joy. It was a blessed experience during the summer to meet a young married woman whose husband is in the Army, but whose complete bearing bespoke a very happily situated young mother. I had known her at Sheldon Jackson when she was having difficulty there. Our beloved SJS is a glory to our Church, yet sometimes things creep in that are embarrassing. Winifred Williams was disappointed and heartbroken because of the racial attitudes of one of the women supervisors. This supervisor need not be named. Suffice it to say she was from Texas. To make a long story short, I encouraged Winifred and for a time she thrived by that encouragement, but after a few months could endure race discrimination no longer. Both she and the Texas woman left SJS. With two members of the present SJS staff we visited Winifred this summer and found that whatever of encouragement had been invested in her had certainly been worthwhile.

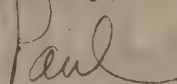
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Again I am glad to write of the acquaintance with Dr. Conrad Earl Albrecht which began in central Alaska when I served the Palmer church there. It was apparent then, or so it seemed, that Dr. Albrecht was to be one of Alaska's great men. I encouraged embryo political ideas which he held at that time. Yes, I prayed that such a man as he would come to the leadership of Alaska's government. He showed he was of the fine material worthy of carrying on Christian statesmanship. Just recently Alaska's first full-time Health Commissioner was appointed. They reached into the Army and selected Colonel Albrecht for the job. Again by the Grace of God I was enabled to pick a winner.

If this seems like boasting, please pardon me. I only write this for my own encouragement in going on in the face of many problems. Perhaps again my choosing will be blessed in some measure of wisdom. There will be urgent need in the months immediately ahead to select and counsel with local leaders in the various villages where we have work. It will be a full sized job to conduct leadership educational courses and carry on the general missionary task.

I know I have your prayerful support and hope as various things are undertaken. Today I am fortunate in having our daughter's help in getting off a lot of correspondence to you.

Sincerely,



Paul

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Tues. 11th Sept. '45

Dear Earl;

The boat now has two important things. One had to wait for the consummation of the first. Before an application could be filed for radio-telephone station license for us, the boat registry had to be completed. We now have the papers from the Sitka Customs giving us the official designation, dated Sept. 1st, '45, and to continue with the boat through its existence, whether transferred in title from one purchaser to another, from one nation to another, or until it is nothing but a hulk. We are "NET 42 NO. 248390". The same is carved deep in our main beam. Done by John Williams who also has put in our chapel a beautiful cross, made from teak-scrap left over in the P-H building.

The new instructor at Sheldon Jackson for manual training is a Mr.--(his name slips me just now), he has the list and measurements for the letters to be placed on our bow and stern as given permission from Sitka Customs. The war time regulation required that such letters be 18 inches high. To make such size letters proportionate, our boat would have had practically half its length in letters. We were fortunate in waiting for the present developement. And isn't the wars' closing a pleasant developement?

From Alaska Electronics (The K I N Y radio station) I became convinced, and also through others, that the Intervox ship-to-shore installation was as good as can be had at present, therefore we have now installed one of the 50 watt, 32 volt, Model 77- adapted to our boat. I paid \$200.00 on it from funds here. The total purchase lists as follows:

I -- Intervox 77 Serial 6667, 4crystal, for	
2670, 2638, 2738, 2126, bands,	\$ 715.00
Freight Seattle to Juneau,	4.00
Excise tax,	10.00
8 hrs. labor installation @ \$3.00	24.00
	<u>\$753.00</u>

This transaction has been pending since mid-July therefore we should get the check in full to Alaska Electronics --Juneau, Alaska as soon as possible.

More to follow!!

Paul -

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September 12, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Earl:

This sheet will refer to some of the work on the ship which has been done and which is in process or contracted for, which we should include in any October anticipations.

The main engine-driven generator finally burned up. The fire extinguisher had to be used to extinguish the flames. This generator has given trouble several times. Evidently the insulation has for long been overheated to the point of defectiveness. Therefore, this generator has been taken off and a new one ordered to replace it. This may cost \$75.00.

The main engine exhaust tube, made of flexible tubing, separated so completely in the coil seams that all examiners agree the only cure is replacement. At present I have it bandaged with asbestos, wire wrapping, and sheet metal clamps made impromptu at sea until it looks like a wounded limb in a plaster cast. And yet, with all its wrappings, it pours forth volumes of smoke all over the place. In due time a new one will arrive. This may cost \$50.00.

When Andrew Hope and Harry Clithero of Wasatch Academy made the fore compartment skylight and ventilator, they had a product of workmanship to be proud of. The Navy destroyed it in favor of a gun mount, and as you will remember, their replacement leaked, and it still leaks badly. After finding three ventilating ports, it is arranged with Andrew Hope, who has the blueprint of the former installation, to put on again this ventilator and emergency escape hatch. He will do this during the ten days' stay in Sitka while we are attending the Adult Workers Conference. I have no probable figure on this cost. It may be as much as \$100.00.

There need be no considerable added expense for the remainder of this year for paint. However, painting is always unfinished business aboard a boat. One end has been just painted and the other end is peeling.

The iron railing had several cracks and openings which we allowed to pass during the early months of repossession because of the difficulty of getting a welder to a float or dock where it could service us. Then too, we have been handicapped by war conditions coupled with Alaska distances, and many things have been of slow progress. We succeeded a few days ago in getting

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a welder to make our railing again sturdy. I appreciate this strong railing when we have dozens of young students aboard or when, as occurred recently, we have the entire Haines House population on board. It is good then to know the railing is strong.

Also, today I find that the round type lifebuoy can now be secured. For the sake of emergencies that might arise in someone falling overboard, we should have, as was the case when our boat was launched, at least two of these round buoys. The Thomas Hardware Company, who give us 10% discount on all our purchases, have been given the order for these buoys.

I feel that all such items, and others that I will have designated on the regular reports, should definitely be charged to renovation.

Sincerely,

Paul

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Alaska

September 12, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

I have purposely procrastinated in the matter of writing about compensation for the members of Sheldon Jackson staff who worked through the summer months in vacation schools from the Princeton-Hall. The time each one worked is as follows:

Class sent 9/27/45

Mrs. Helen Hatch - 2 months or 8 weeks;
Miss Cora Houk - 1 month or 4 weeks;
Miss Ruth LeSourd - 1 month or 4 weeks.

The matter of our summer teaching from the Princeton-Hall is in my opinion worthy of serious consideration. Whether we at first sense it or not, I am certain from conversations I overheard that the plan this year more or less established a precedent unless we make definite statements contrariwise. The General Missionary, whoever he may be, should have the right to select his workers. The teams, to be effective in village work, need peculiar sympathies with and understandings of that work. Also, one member of such team must be a leader in music. The above-named women did well this summer save in the department of music, which could have been of more value to the communities.

I am not saying this even critically; I am very grateful for the work accomplished by these workers. However, we must be analytical enough to note what is necessary to furnish effective food for those we undertake to teach. It is a question where the most good reaches; whether from the members of SJS staff to the village or the villagers to the staff. Mrs. Hatch was overheard to say, "I should have had this five years ago." Granting the great good accruing thus to SJS staff members, yet there are times when to meet in effectiveness the work done by some other organizations we need to use other than straight institutional methods. There is no denying that many of the teams now coming into Alaska are bringing a program attractive to the Natives.

Therefore, I recommend that whatever compensation you give these SJS staff workers, it be accompanied by the statement that this is not a precedent; it is essentially, for this year, an appreciation of their good work. From conversations I overheard, I am satisfied staff members at SJS are hoping

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that future summer vacations may be taken aboard our boat with compensation rendered therefor. Again granting much good from such a procedure, there is the probability that the General Missionary may at times feel he could have selected his own corps of workers with more effectiveness from the Chapel boat.

I suggest \$50.00 per month, or \$12.50 per week, as the sum granted this year, and that with the clear statement that there is no attempt at establishing a precedent until we have tried several different methods.

Sincerely,



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*Rev. Earl Jackman
9/17/45 - Juneau*

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September 12, 1945

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D. D.
156 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Dr. Jackman:

To report on Cyrus Peck's progress toward Klukwan.

We called at Angoon, where Cyrus is now located for a few days, and made some plans for gathering his goods together and taking him to Klukwan September 14.

Cyrus has had a rather disheartening year. The fish run in '45 has not been generally good. Only a few places approached a normal take. The last week of the season was the best in practically every fishing community. Just as this flush run of fish began a disaster aboard the Baltimore which Cyrus skippered caused a likeable young fellow to be drowned. For ten days Cyrus and his crew sought the body, which was not recovered. That meant that neither his boat nor crew made any money. This is a considerable blow to Cyrus. We found him trawling with a row boat, catching after-season pickups but making about \$10.00 per day. This will be considerable help to him, but is nothing compared to a normal full season's fishing.

11 The subject of a light plant came up for Klukwan. Cyrus would be willing, even without knowing the Klukwan people or their reaction, to agree to supply half the cost of a light plant. Cyrus is probably our most aggressive young people's leader among the lay workers. Already he is making plans to lead musical organizations in Haines as well as Klukwan if the opening comes there. Personally I feel he should be encouraged in every way. Not knowing the present cost of light plants, but supposing a good one to cost probably five or six hundred dollars, I would be willing to share the responsibility with Cyrus in underwriting credit for one-half the cost of such light plant. Adequate light will mean so much in the long evening music and choir rehearsals which he will conduct. It strikes me that we should do this to help Cyrus in his work at Klukwan.

Sincerely,

Paul H. Prouty

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*via airmail
11/14/45 - 8pm.*

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Credit for 11/14/45

Sept. 12 '45

Dear Earl;

Andrew has returned the enclosed \$195.40, that being the sum of his two checks for July and August. He is going to cash the Sept. check and forward you one third of it, to compensate what I have paid John Williams from P-H funds.

This sum paid to John (\$ 247.15) lists as follows,

1½ months @ \$125.00	187.50
One-third mo.	41.65

current account

Overtime on sunny days when
painting could be done ,
18 hours @ \$1.00

18.00
\$247.15

John did good work. He was painstaking and above all, neat . He is as you probably know, in all likelihood to be Sheldon Jacksons' first Junior College grad .

I believe the Princeton Hall acct should be reimbursed for \$229.15 , the amount of regular boat service rendered by John, the \$18.00 should be renovation, as the forthcoming accounting will show.

Should the boat have the second half of the \$1000.00 allotted for annual expense ?

We have had income through Aug. & Sept. thus far of \$585.50. The income from passengers to Jones meetings will be added .

Thus a sizeable check should be returned in the Oct. accounting, providing we are reimbursed for the renovation items and salary and radio-phone as per separate letter .

Those who reside in and love Alaska and Alaskans are presently aware of the seriousness of our liquor problem. Let us pray for some of the atomic bomb power in our dealing against this gigantic evil.

Sincerely,

Paul

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*via airmail
Alaska - 10/18/45*

Alaska

Sept. 13 '45

At Sea, Enroute Angoon.

Dear Earl;

Through Willis Booth I learned that our good friend Dr. Albrecht, has some blankets for distribution to non-profit organizations in position to make proper use of them.

Therefore I saw Dr. A. personally and he agreed to supply us with 25 .

The enclosed clipping gives a fair idea of what his health department is beginning to do for Alaska.

I have every confidence his will be a worthy service to the territory.

If you should write and thank him for any assistance to our boat I am sure he would appreciate it .

He has long been encouragement to me .

In case other letters have not been before you, Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, (Colonel, U.S. Army Medical Corps) is Alaska's first full time Commissioner of Health . Address: Territorial Bldg. Juneau, Alaska.

In the matter of Dr. Clee coming for the Hoonah church dedication, I think it is wonderful. I have the book "Clee of the Lighted Tower", and much material from his publicity and bulletins, was a part support missionary of his Sunday school while in Montana . Your thought that the dedication should await favorable Spring weather is wise . Too, the building will then have reached a more favorable stage for dedication, seats in, etc.

This morning I loaned Geo. Betts 30 song books from our Princeton-Hall supply , until he gets some from other sources . Willis Booth was doing a bang-up job of helping him get equipped for the temporary manse quarters at Hoonah. Am sure Geo. appreciated it too .

The last trip North we had in our home for a time one of the youngsters for Haines, this trip we have another, and it is a pleasant service. With the Booth and Prouty homes open to our people we get a really sharing accomplished. The Booth's are especially hospitable. Sincerely,

Paul

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Nov. 1st '45

Dear Earl;

see Gurberty folder re.
The enclosed are a sample of more to follow.

There was very much intriguing interest and publicity value in your trip last Spring, but I was too full of the boats mechanical management to have time to write it down then.

Now, having an engineer on board, there is opportunity to make records.

Sincerely,

Paul

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All financial statements will
be completed as fast as

I can get it out.

These narratives were written in
matches at sea, and must get
them out while hot, else they
might never appear.

September 27, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We are enclosing a check for \$753. which covers the full cost of the ship-to-shore radio installation. We notice that you have paid \$200. on deposit for the installation so we feel that it would be better to send you the full amount and have you take care of the balance and adjust it in your account.

We are still looking for your financial reports for the last few months. Our office is in somewhat of a jam with the Treasury Department because we have not been able to get all of these reports in. We do not like to put too much pressure against you men when you are so busy but we have to face the music here when we are not fulfilling Board rules. We would appreciate having these reports as early as possible to get straightened out.

At the beginning of the new budget year, we are planning to close the renovation account and from that point on charge everything to operating expense unless it be some basic need for special expenditure. This will simplify our accounting and will help us get everything straightened out. Also we are planning to make an advance to you of say \$400 or \$500 which will give you a basic bank account as a revolving fund for all expenses and emergencies. In light of this the Treasury is going to ask us for your monthly report and voucher with a regular monthly check covering field receipts. We just have not told them that you are holding field receipts while they are bringing pressure upon us to have a better working relationship in the whole thing.

We do not know how you solved the problem of Andrew's relation to the boat but we would be interested in having a report from you on it. So far as we can determine Andrew made no refund on the amount of the rent in his checks for July and August. There may be some explanation for this which we have not found yet.

September 27, 1945

We have been lax in not requiring a definite monthly report from Andrew concerning his activities. If this had been coming in we would have caught this whole matter at an earlier date. I shall write him later and tell him we shall require him to send us his own report each month with a signed voucher for his salary.

We have no one yet for Kake and Willie Duguqua has recommended Arthur Johnson. I am not sure Arthur is ready for lay work but it would be better to have him with what help you can give him than to have the Church closed this winter. Will you have an opportunity along the way to contact him and see what can be worked out?

We have just had the acceptance of The Rev. Alwin E. Gall of Emery, South Dakota for the Church at Hydaburg. Probably it will take them a month to get ready and be on their way. I hope it may be possible for them to be in Ketchikan when delegates to the Conference are being returned so that they can be taken to Hydaburg and their oldest son who has been admitted to Sheldon Jackson School on to Sitka.

We are sending a check of \$50. to Miss LeSourd, \$100. to Mrs. Hatch, and \$50. to Miss Houk for their work on the boat. This will clear our obligations for the summer.

We have not had a report from you yet on the use of the \$200. for repairs on the house. We hope you have been able to accomplish that so we can clear that appropriation with the Treasury.

We appreciate the few letters which we received from you during the time you were home and feel that you have a just right for a little personal enjoyment and commendation in all of the good work which you are doing with the boat. The influence of your ministry is going into many villages with great power.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Enc. Check #37426-4753.-

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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Sitka, Oct. 18 '45

Dear Earl;

We are in the midst of a wonderful training period here in Sitka. The blessing of God surely rested upon those who planned and are executing this thing. "The best thing that has happened to us in many a year", is the general feeling.

Also the Princeton-Hall wishes to report a favorable development.

During the building of the boat William Woods took an enthusiastic part. He helped me build the rail and put it on. He helped Verne Swanson place the engine and align it. He did sundry detail things, trap door rings on deck openings, etc. I often thought of him as a prospect for further work with the boat. In Ketchikan one day last winter, who should I meet in Navy officers uniform but William. We were glad to greet each other. He had a meal with us on the boat. A few days ago I saw him on the dock in Klawock, his home town, in civilian clothes. It was the first I knew he was out of the service. I called to him that I would send a letter. Instead --when I got to Juneau I sent him a wire. That wire just reached him in time to head off an acceptance of a mechanics job with a logging outfit.

William began work with us, Monday the 8th of Oct. I agreed to give him \$125.00 per month and board on the boat. There is no alternative, we have been undermanned and the work will suffer to continue thus. I have a considerable of a sob story maybe but that is not necessary here. We have an opportunity for an excellent engineer and boatman and I have acted upon it. Of course you are familiar with the fact that we are constantly "within an inch" of being compelled by law to carry a licensed crew of five. We are 64' 11", 65 feet would put us in the five crew class by law.

If you wish the \$200 available for repair to 814 Gold Belt house in Juneau applied at once I will assign Andrew Wanmaker to the task. There has been no workman available for that job. Have repeatedly tried with no success. It will be possible to get a third member for the crew as deck hand as we need him.

I know you need reports, well I need time to dig thro the clutter of the engineer-mechanic-renovation, new missionary -in-a-strange-land period. With more nearly proper manpower for the boat, the proper reports will come.

Sincerely,

Paul

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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

In Peril Straits,

Oct. 22 '45

7,25 A.M.

Dear Earl;

Not being given to melodrama I trust, this short communication is meant to convey to you nevertheless a part of new and everlastingly important truth.

Alaska is selecting the stones for her foundation in the postwar world.

It is no mere routine situation which we face.

As Presbyterians, we have enjoyed a forefront position in Alaska. Southeastern Alaska in particular.

Day after tomorrow, figuratively speaking, that position may be totally swept away. It is today threatened.

The Seventh Day Adventists, Catholics, Church of God, Pentecostals are on the march. The 7th dayists have a \$6,000,000 developement fund and a tithing constituency to back it up. The Church of God pastor now in Juneau, coming from central Alaska with years of experience, a few days ago deposited in a Juneau bank \$6500. to be a payment on a new home for himself. During August and Sept. at Skagway hospital, operated by the Catholics, five of our Presbyterian youth accepted Catholicism.

We as Presbyterians have the sympathy of the Health authorities of Alaska. Within thirty days the die will be cast whether the Presbyterians or Seventh Day Adventists assume responsibility with regard to some of Alaska's most pressing need, her health. The Catholic influence reared its head in public meeting yesterday in Sitka. Let not even our New York oversight be blase' now.

Miss Taylor is conversant with our situation and has received our earnest appeal that she be articulate when she returns as to what she has seen and heard. A committee appointed by the Presbytery is making a report to I56.

I plead with all the power my prayerful supplication may have that our Church may permit itself to be stretched out on the cross of sacrifice if necessary that we may fulfill our responsibility of leadership in Alaska.

Sincerely,

Paul

Dr Albrecht has repeatedly appraised of the situation.

NIGHT SCHOOL BIBLE CLASSES WILL BEGIN

Night classes in Bible Study begin Monday, October 22 at the Alaska Bible School. This inter-denominational school is affiliated with the Evangelical Teacher Training Association and is using their Gold Seal Certificate course for the night classes. The course will be completed in two semesters of twelve weeks each.

Classes will be held Monday and Thursday nights of each week and two subjects taken each night. Those completing this course satisfactorily will be awarded a Teacher's Certificate bearing the Gold Seal of the Association.

The four subjects for the first semester are Bible I and II, Child Study and Pedagogy. Subjects may be taken separately by those not interested or able to take the full course.

These classes are open to the public and the only cost will be for textbooks. Those interested may secure additional information by calling the Rev. W. B. Youngs at Green 400 or visiting the school at 803 6th Street.

ALBRECHT TO SITKA

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Commissioner of Health for Alaska, left Juneau by plane today for Sitka where he will inspect surplus hospital equipment of the Army and Navy, and confer with Mayor E. Winn Goddard on health matters in Sitka and vicinity. He will also have special consultation with public health personnel there.

October 23, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

What fine reports we are receiving from your good work on the boat throughout the territory. We know that you are busy with many good things but we must ask you to stop and give us some attention on your reports.

The Treasury Department is pushing us because we have not received your reports and financial statements both on renovation and operating expense for several months. The budget year has closed and we are the only office that does not settle all of its accounts. We are helpless unless we ask you to immediately stop and get us these reports. Send us a full statement of everything prior to October first with a check for the balance you have deducting, of course, the things which you have spent and we will make the adjustment here.

Hastily yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

October 25, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter telling us about recent developments on the Princeton-Hall and the services of William Woods. We have recognized for sometime that you need some further help and are glad to know that you have found it. We had made provision for a deck-hand at \$100. a month in our budget and the support of William Woods will be more than this amount. We have already committed ourselves to about \$2000. to \$3000. more than has been allocated to us during this coming budget year. We do not know where the money is coming from but will try to carry out the program.

We shall pocket William at the rate of \$125. a month beginning October 5th. However, we will not be able to pay him anything from headquarters until he has completed the enclosed tax forms and they are back in our Treasury. This is a requirement of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and none of us are permitted to pay wages to him until these things are completed. Please have him fill them out and return them to us immediately. If he needs some money you lend him some from the account and have him reimburse you when he receives his first check from the Board. His salary for October will be \$1.65 less the income tax deduction.

You should also present to William the decision as to whether he wants to enter the Pension Plan. If he is going to stay with us indefinitely it would be well for him to enter the plan. In this case, we should know as early as possible and make arrangements to deduct from his salary the 5% pension dues which we would pay to the Board of Pensions along with the 8% from the Board.

We are putting together a paragraph from your letter with the recommendation of the National Missions Committee, that we employ a carpenter to take care of Board property. I am wondering if it is possible that there may be some periods during the year in which you could get along without the services of Andrew on the boat. Could he be assigned at

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

October 25, 1945

various intervals to spend a week or two weeks in a local Church gathering the people together to repair their church and manse? Consider this as a possibility. Meanwhile, I should think it would be well to ask Andrew to do the work on the house at 814 Gold Belt Avenue. We need to push these repairs so that our damage will not become too great. In this case, we can carry his salary in our regular budget and use as much of the \$200. as you need for materials. This is not directly according to the Board's rules but we shall try it as an experiment and see how it works.

You are right that we need reports as quickly as we can get them. I am the only administrator who does not have everything cleaned up from last budget year. The situation reflects upon our administration here in the Treasury. Please help me out as quickly as possible!

Cordially yours,

JBJ:PR

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc.: Withholding Exemption Certificate For Mr. Woods' completion
and Preliminary Information Form " " " "

Paul Prouty folder

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

November 15, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Dr. C. Earl Albrecht
Territorial Building
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Dr. Albrecht:

Word has come to us through The Rev. Paul H. Prouty that you have been very helpful and generous in supplying some blankets for our work. We want to express to you our great appreciation for your help and your interest in the furtherance of our mission program in Alaska.

Our office is greatly concerned with the advancement of the whole program under your direction. Our Board's relationship to it does not come through this office but we want you to know that we are sympathetic and want to do everything possible to cooperate for a better program for the people of Alaska.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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November 15, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your follow-up letter which explained the absence of Andrew on the boat. We hope it will be possible for you to find another capable man to take his place and perhaps be better adjusted to the work on the boat. We are sorry to lose Andrew and hope his separation from our work will not mean any departure from his Christian principles.

When you come to hiring another man do not commit us to any more money than Andrew received because we do not have it. If you can find a responsible person we can provide for as much as Andrew was getting.

We had sent a new batch of reports to Andrew and I wonder if you can get these from him for the new man to use. We must have reports and vouchers from each individual employee on the boat.

You have not sent us any daily reports of activities or finances since June 15th. We have received some publicity which we have greatly appreciated but have missed the daily reports and expense account. At the present time we are greatly embarrassed with our Treasury Department. Your account is the only one of all the missionaries under the Board that has not been settled at the end of the budget year in September. The Treasury is pressing us for an accounting. We must ask you to stop immediately and send this before we both are called on the carpet. From the practical standpoint of operation, the longer this goes the worse it will be for you in getting it straightened out and certainly it will be doubly worse for us to try to make the adjustment of accounts over so long a period of time. Personally, I hate to press a good man who is doing a good job but we must ask you to stop and do this immediately. If you don't you and I may both get fired!

Thank you for the report on Klukwan. We are sorry to have this happen to Cyrus and this Church just when we were getting a good start. We have asked the Board for a manse grant for the renovation of the manse.

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The Rev. Paul H. Prouty

November 15, 1945

At the same time we hope to use the insurance money for some much needed repairs and hope to have sufficient funds to get a 1000 watt light plant for the Church and manse. We have this request in now and hope to have action on it at the Board meeting at the end of November. We are notifying Cyrus of this and will ask him to give us an estimate on the cost of renovation and repairs.

Kindest personal regards and good wishes, and the extreme urgency of your financial and daily reports!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

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MOTORSHIP PRINCETON HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Angoon Harbor,

the 16th.

Nov. '45

Dear Earl;

While I am preparing the financial report the thought comes to me that I have not expressed appreciation for the paragraph in the last Alaska News Letter relative to the Princeton-Hall plan of operation, or the "Be Ye Reconciled" article in the World Wide Communion stories of 1945.

For the Alaska News Paragraph let me say I think it was directly on the beam. It was a tactful way of presenting a new concept for some, of what the boat was built to do. There has been a pretty firm conviction that the boat was built in Sitka by Sitka for Sitka. Many are surprised no end to find it is headquartered in Juneau. One day I overheard some men on the Juneau waterfront refer to it as "that Indian boat from Sitka".

And whoever rewrote the "Be Ye Reconciled" did a good job in both my and Walter Soboleff's opinion, who were there for the incident described. Walter said, "That is a truthful article".

So thanks to you, and whoever assisted you.

Sincerely,

Paul

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Anchored in Angoon Harbor.
By rowboat to shore.
1½ miles walk to town.
In nearly a foot of snow.
Nov. 16 '45

Dear Earl;

The dangerous weather has one advantage, there can be found a little time from de-icing to write. Some one asks "why don't you have the crew do those things". To that one I answer with a question, "have you ever worked a Native Alaskan crew, you a white man?" Their boats are freezing up, some of them severely damaged right around us here in harbor, but there is a convention in town and they haven't time or the inclination to heed careful attention to their property interest. As goes the community momentary excitement so goes every last Native. Your crew no exception. These are also the last days of the hunting season, what a chance to bring out of the cold inclemency a bag of game with the privilege of later tale and the accompanying praise and hero worship! . These who live off natural resources have their own forms of community interest and entertainment . And remember their behaviour in the presence of New York benefactors is not normal! . They are exceedingly clever and know the proper profession to make to improve their popularity and chances for gain through gift and grant . As one has said to me who knows them well, "they know instinctively the answer you want therefore they cleverly supply it" .

I shall ever be glad and grateful for the very limited experience I had in the States seeking and finding funds for our church work. There was enough of faith and fortitude employed, blessed with God's grace, goodness and mercy so that I feel I have at least an inkling of the pressure and care resting upon your office and the executive departments of our great organization. And as I write what I am now about to write I am cognizant in every line of the stoppage there is in our progress when the New York floor in our line of production gets jammed from lack of materials or other causes. There have been high points, high lights, in evidence of God's care over our mission boat these past months. Some of the strain of them has not been recorded and should not be until the glory of His goodness and that of our overseers and supporters has been acknowledged. And so Earl, please let it be clear that I feel humble before the vast cloud of prayer and sacrifice with love that is given for our aid. The following facts also bear on our work.

I have been time after time, too tired from mach-

inery and boat care and operation to write that I was tired. There have been stretches of travel in bad weather demanding so much pilot house standing and strain at the steering wheel that for forty-eight hours after the trip I could not sit down without my legs cramping. If I had written then, or made reports, I would have given everyone around I56 a cramp ! .

It is only now that we have a near-efficient engineer for the boat that I am balanced enough in mind to write decently.

We had a thirty five thousand dollar boat before the war. The government paid us a little under thirty thousand for it.

After it had done two and one half years war service we got it back for nineteen thousand and some of us expected it would operate like the new boat we sold. In that concept we have been sorely disappointed. And any of our management relying on/supposedly good condition has been in error, whether of financial budgeting or practical preparation for sea duty. A Navy skipper, now discharged, familiar with the operation of our Princeton-Hall says the Navy took ten years off the life of her.. Today, this Nov.16, rust broke through the main hot water boiler indicating the rusted and weakened condition of the entire water storage supply system. You will remember we have been unable to rid the system of rust since the boats return.

For the first year of operation our boat has been undermanned either because we have not enough crew, or because those of us in the crew are too lacking in ability for our jobs. I am willing for any adjustment whatsoever to correct this condition.

During the night of Oct. 6th at ten P.M. while Andrew Wanamaker and I both were in the pilot house straining to see through the haze in order that we might reach Pt. McCartney anchorage we struck a rock. At that time we were on arduous day and night duty taking Miss Taylor on her itinerary and gathering the workers and students for the Adult Workers and Homemakers school in Sitka. To have reported the matter at that time would have caused undue concern and wasteful criticism. Soon we must go on the grid and have examination and repair. No one was on board at the time except Andrew and I. We were practically "out on our feet" from long hours and strain through foggy days and nights .

In searching for and finding our engineer I feel a step forward has been taken. Andrew came along to attend the convention and is inquiring considerably about the building plans for the repairs in the villages. He may yet desire to do that work if we can arrange to have the villages supply his board and room and supply half the cost of repairs.

There are dramatic evidences of God's goodness and care over us. I must cease this and write of them.

Sincerely,

Paul

P.S.

A tanker is on the rocks
within sight of Anzoon, gone on
during present storm.

The "Hygiene" territorial health
boat made two attempts to go
out of harbor but turned back =
Weather has to be obeyed, whether
we like it or not!

Some are considering salvaging
oil from the tanker.

ANGOON CONVENTION NEXT WEEK CALLING GOVERNMENT CHIEFS

Angoon looms as a mecca for Federal and Territorial officials next week, when the Grand Camps of the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood will hold their annual convention there.

Don C. Foster, General Superintendent of the Alaska Native Service, which will be represented at the convention by five officials, today announced that arrangements

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have been completed for charter of the yacht Pasado Manana to serve as combined transportation and domicile for several of the government representatives planning to attend the convention.

In addition, other individual officials and groups will be Angoon-bound by plane and other boats.

Gov. Ernest Gruening, who is scheduled to deliver his message at the opening of the convention Monday evening, plans to fly from here on Monday.

ANB-ANS officers and delegates will go to Angoon aboard the boat Princeton-Hall, it has been announced.

Those with reservations aboard the Pasado Manana include:

Hugh Wade, Social Security Administration; Robert E. Sheldon, Unemployment Compensation Commission; Dr. C. Earl Albrecht, Territorial Commissioner of Health; Miss Lillian A. Gardiner, Territorial Department of Health; A. A. Hedges, Director War Manpower Commission and U. S. Employment Service; Mrs. Minna Coughlin, Information Service of the Office of Price Administration; also, the following from the Alaska Native Service—Ray Wolfe, Dr. E. W. Norris, Dr. George Dale, Dr. Evelyn Butler, Don C. Foster.

The Pasado Manana is scheduled to leave Juneau at 6 o'clock a. m., Tuesday, and return from Angoon late Thursday or Friday.

The Department of Health has also revealed that its mobile health unit aboard the MV Hygiene will

likewise be in attendance at the convention.

Most of the officials trekking to Angoon are scheduled as speakers before the combined Grand Camps—also, they will have their ears cocked to do plenty of listening.

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PRESBYTERY CARPENTER KLUKWAN FIRE SCENE STOP AFTER
DELEGATES TO NATIVE CONVENTIONS SAFE HOME BOAT WILL BE TIED
UP JUNEAU ABOUT NOVEMBER TWENTY FOURTH STOP IMPRACTICABLE DO
SO SOONER EVEN IF FIRED STOP HOPE LETTER FROM ANGOON REACH
YOU

PAUL PROUTY.

KLUKWAN. ANGOON.

TODAYS NL.

ALL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

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Nov. 27 '45

Alaska Pky

Dear Earl;

Just a flash letter to explain more of the background for my telegram of last night.

Telegram as follows,

" Andrew and I have Klukwan reconstruction survey entirely in hand now working out details stop Any other supervision here will only impede progress stop Too many cooks spoil broth however will with all tact possible appreciate solicit and use counsel full list available building material with cost being mailed you. "

In cases where there is a contract let and a legal contract is drawn with later dealings with the contractor it is naturally the sphere of the legal agent to have full charge.

Where volunteer Native labor is involved, to be solicited, encouraged and counseled the dealing is best left in the missionary sphere for less cumbersome oversight and harmony.

For your information, it is part of my experience to have been for seven years an employee of the Montana Lumber and Marine Co. , figuring literally hundreds of building projects. Therefore am not new to such a task.

The material lists are now being priced and should be ready in a day or so .

Willis and I have talked over some of the Klukwan details. We agree that a 1000 watt electric light plant to be too small, it should certainly be not less than 1500 watt. The Klukwan public school has two 1500 Kohler plants, this makes proficient care and exchange of information and parts possible if we have a similar plant. The list will include such a recommended plant and its price .

Everybody is shorthanded so there is much delay which takes all patience available through prayer, necessary.

Thanks for yours,

Sincerely,

Paul

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156 5TH AVE NYK

ANDREW AND I HAVE KLUKWAN RECONSTRUCTION SURVEY ENTIRELY IN
HAND NOW WORKING OUT DETAILS STOP ANY OTHER SUPERVISION HERE
WILL ONLY IMPREDE PROGRESS STOP TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL BROTH
HOWEVER WILL WITH ALL TACT POSSIBLE APPRECIATE SOLICIT AND
USE COUNSEL FULL LIST AVAILABLE BUILDING MATERIAL WITH COST
BEING MAILED YOU

PAUL PROUTY.

KLUKWAN

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

December 3, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

There are several letters here from you to be answered and I hope to cover them all in this one.

I have used your letter in regard to our necessity of doing something very definitely about the health program in Alaska as a little pressure to try to get some action. We are still pushing on it and hope it will be possible soon to get something developed.

We have your report on the cost of the equipment for Kasaan and we have not sent you the check for \$406.90 because we thought we would adjust that here when you send in your financial report up until the end of September with a check for the balance which you had at that time. We have the money available here and can supplement what you forward to make the proper adjustment. On the other hand, it has been so long since your financial reports came in that we may have some difficulty getting all this straightened out. I hope, however, it will be a simple thing when the reports come in.

We received your wire concerning Andrew Wanamaker becoming the Presbytery carpenter at Klukwan. I think I wrote you before that we have no funds in our budget to employ a Presbytery carpenter. Whatever he does will have to be charged against the particular job which he is to fulfill and we shall have to be sure that there is an appropriation available for each project before he begins it. We must do this to safeguard any obligation which anyone may feel the Board should assume but which could not be assumed without special action by the Board.

Our one deep concern about this matter of the Presbytery carpenter lies in the relation between us and the local Church. If we employ a carpenter I am afraid the local people will not do as much as they ought to do. However, you have suggested the possibility of having the people provide board and room and half the cost of material. That is a good suggestion and may get more results from them instead of less.

December 3, 1945

What have you been doing concerning the replacement of Andrew on the ship. We know from past experience that you need three men on the ship. We are going to have some difficulty finding money for all of this program but we must find it somewhere. There is not enough money in our budget to go around since we have recovered Klukwan and have re-occupied Kasaan. Your letter reveals the fact that you understand some of our problems here at the office in this respect but we are going to try in some ^{ways} to fulfill a larger program if possible.

We did receive your letter which was written in Angoon and are sorry to learn that the ship has been on the rocks. I think it would be well for you to determine the amount of damage and have it taken care of as early as possible. We do not want another experience of having worms in the hull.

We have been interested in the most unusual experiences which you have been having and the evidences of God's Providence over your lives in His ministry on the ship. We hope in time you will get the matter straightened out with a crew of three so that everything will go along better for all of you.

Leslie Yaw has sent me a copy of his letter to you concerning the inquiry from Dr. King about coming up during February or March for the rededication of the ship and a preaching mission. My own impression is that this would be the wrong time of the year. The waters will be pretty rough and we would have difficulty getting people together for it. Give me your frank impression of the whole situation. Dr. King has not written to me about it yet.

Since the June conference for the ministers has been called off, I may change my plans and come again for Presbytery. My daughter who is graduating from High School the end of June wants me here and I want to be at her commencement. This would prevent my coming up during June and July. If I do come up for the meeting of Presbytery what about having the rededication of the boat at Metlakatla at that time. We would have most of our ministers together and a great many of the people from the various churches. That might be an added incentive for more people to come to the meetings of Presbytery and Presbyterial. Tell me frankly what you think of it.

You have had a long strenuous summer and fall. I am wondering if it is possible for you to tie up the ship some during January and have a period of rest at home. During the time the waters are rough would be the best time for you to get some rest and be with your family. I am not sure that we have worked out yet a satisfactory program for the ship which will use it in the most efficient way for all of the village churches and lay-workers and give you an opportunity to have some time at home. If you have any more thoughts along this line please give them to me. This first year is essentially an experiment but we want to lay a broad foundation for a greater ministry.

Kindest regards to you and yours!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Dictated but not signed by Dr. Jackman

Board of National Missions
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Do not know yet just how many or what days William
will be off the boat - maybe practically none - I hope to
be in Hyakabang -! Clavick around Christmas - P.H.P.

and for James

Dear Earl

7th
Jed
Ned
Vern
Widder

The enclosed letter from
Mr Woods father is a sample
of Native custom, father rule over
son. = The father without doubt
would be profited to have his son
leave our boat Engineering post
and tend his traps, but after
William thought it through he decided
he had "petted the folks too much"
so is only going to be home a few
days around Christmas and then
rejoin the boat until the 1st of next
June. (fishing time)
along well with the boys on the boat,
but things do come up
Sincerely - Paul

we have deducted from 10/15/45 to
11/30/45 - what he is getting
only 10/15/45 to 11/30/45
E.H.P.

Dear Earl. We are replacing hot water tank
on boat, which entirely disintegrated and hazarded
our whole winter heating system. also the

exhaust from main Engine entirely fell apart so
after our piecemeal repairs even, it also has to
be entirely replaced. Sorry - but we must

remember that this boat has been thro' a war.

Glad at least that among many things undone
(over)

the work at Kasan
and Klutwan is
revised -

You will enjoy
Mrs Stauffers
letter which is
Enclosed.

Paul

UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
THE REV. J. EARL JACKMAN, SECRETARY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, 10, N. Y.

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MOTORSHIP PRINCETON-HALL
THE REV. PAUL H. PROUTY, GENERAL MISSIONARY
BOX 2615
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
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156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 4th '45

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
Sec'y, Unit for Alaska,
Board of National Missions,
156 5th Ave.
New York, 10 N.Y.

Dear Earl;

Am not sure who has been the prime mover in correspondence about rededication of the Princeton-Hall but anyway letters from Leslie Yaw and Everett King have come to me on the subject. Everett asked when the favorable time of the months Jan.-Feb.-March might be. After consultation with men of Alaskan experience I answered that from the middle of Jan. to the middle of Feb. seemed most favorable. I presume that by now you have had word and correspondence direct with Everett, as he mentioned taking up the matter with you when he would have enough preliminary information to do so.

If therefore plan is made for rededication I believe it pertinent to consider some matters growing out of a fresh experience with conditions as they now exist.

The matters presented in enclosed pages seem far fetched when the boat is resting at anchor in the harbor or proceeding in easy harmony on calm water but believe you me there are rush stresses and risks when everything is at stake.

To present what seems to me apropos, in making the boat do a virile and fruitful work, not abortive, the attached sheets are dedicated.

The sphere and responsibility of the general missionary and the boat assigned for his use should be pretty well defined it seems to me, in any rededication.

Sincerely,

Paul

see attached
12/5/45
Junior

sheet
file
in
Prouty's
box
12/5/45

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Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Dec. 10 '45

Dear Earl;

You ask me to state frankly how I feel about the re-dedication of the Princeton-Hall with Everett King and I shall add the outlook as I see it if he conducts a preaching mission as he desires.

I have a great feeling of friendship and gratitude for Everett . His influence in my behalf has been a great blessing. There are however, when the older Natives are considered, (and who knows how many of the younger ones are influenced by the older ?) many who completely balk at hearing the message of a man who uses tobacco .

I have to resolve in my own thinking, in case the rededication is planned between you and Everett, to ask him to do as I ask all to do, refrain from smoking inside the Princeton-Hall. I do not try to regulate what they do outside .

Absolutely the only objection I have heard that has any valid meaning to me is that regarding Everetts smoking . His preaching is fine, his whole personality inspiring. But some Northerners are as "set agin smokin" as Southerners are determined against race amalgamation .

Evidently Leslie checks the advantages as superior to the risks and desires the hope of Everett to be consummated .

Naturally the three first months of the year are unpredictable as to weather. In my letter to Everett I said that the weather would be unpredictable, either very good or very bad . Hoonah, Angoon and Sitka could be reached however, in short daylight relays , even with average bad weather .

Your suggestion for the rededication to come at Metlakatla has a good many valuable points. The Presbytery can be there, to witness, gathered at less risk and in all probability with greater attendance. The importance of Metlakatla's influence would be accentuated if the Board's boat were brought to their community for dedication, or correctly, re-dedication . If the Board wishes to exert all its missionary influence through SJS and Sitka, keep the dedication for Sitka, make the boat a piece of campus equipment; if it is an entity in its own right, a unit with a program and outreach from the Board direct to all stations of the Presbytery, then the Metlakatla ceremony would have special significance.


The preaching mission for Angoon, Hoonah, Kake, Petersburg would be greatly desirable. Lynn Canal would be too hazardous for travel or anchorage , in Haines or Skagway. Maybe Everett would lift best at key centers, where we have glowing coals of fire that could be fanned into greater flame . I shall be glad to take him where you desire. Sincerely,

Paul

Prouty side

NIGHT LETTER

December 11, 1945



REPAIR ESTIMATE RECEIVED. NO STATEMENT LABOR COST.
NEED COMPLETED INFORMATION FORMS SENT TO PECK WITH
PICTURES KLUKWAN MANSE FIRE FOR INSURANCE ADJUSTMENT
TO DETERMINE AVAILABLE FUNDS. CANNOT GET FINAL APPROVAL
WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADJUSTMENT.

J. EARL JACKMAN

The Rev. Paul E. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

December 14, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

I had been away so much that I find several letters here from you which need to be answered. We appreciate the estimate which you and Andrew have drawn up for the repairs on the Klukwan manse. We want to include all those things if it is possible for us. We hope we can actually renovate the place and make it a better place in which to live and serve in the community.

We had to wire you for more information because we do not have any evidence to present to the Insurance Company to collect our insurance. We will not know how much money is available until we can make an adjustment with the Insurance Company. Soon after the fire we sent Cyrus Peck the information forms to be completed and returned to us with the possibility of sending a picture of the Church both before and after the fire. We have had no information on this yet.

Thank you for sending us the letters from Miss Stauffer. We enjoyed reading them. We are enclosing them in this letter. We have been trying to get her a letter atleast once a month to encourage her in the midst of a bad situation. We know that she must be lonely and working hard so we want to give her every encouragement possible.

Your letters indicate that you are working among many difficulties in southeastern Alaska both from the standpoint of the boat, the Native ministry, and your brethren. We sympathize with you in this situation but we know that our sympathy cannot go as deep as your problems because we are not as near to them as you are.

In the matter of the Klukwan manse you have made no statement concerning the cost of labor. We will have to charge Andrew's labor against this project and if there is any more it shall have to be charged against the same thing. At the meeting of the Board last week we asked for and received a grant of \$1500. for the rebuilding of the Church and manse. We hope to get about \$500. or \$600. from the Insurance Company. The amount of your

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estimate was two thousand and some dollars. Of course this estimate includes some furniture and a light plant which cannot be charged against the fire damage in the building. Whatever we spend beyond that will have to be dug up from some other source. Willis Booth has a little money in his hands which came from the rental of the property in past months. When we have gathered all this together there will not be much allowance for Andrew's labor but we want to do the fair thing. From all sources concerned we shall probably have to put a limit of \$2200. or \$2400. on the whole project. Meanwhile, it may be possible for me to dig up a \$100. or so to help Cyrus Peck in his emergency. We've had no word from him so don't even know where he is. The telegram which we sent him after the fire found him out of town. We have heard nothing since.

Our plans for a summer trip into Alaska which would include the Arctic Coast seems to be fading out because of situations here and there. After reading your letter in regard to the correspondence concerning the rededication of the ship, my decision has been reached to come up again in the Spring of the year and be there for the Presbytery meeting and time before and after. It would seem wise to me to have the dedication of the boat at the meeting of Presbytery and Presbyterial where there will be representatives of all of the churches involved. From your account it would well for me to have the dedication sermon and make a definite statement on the use of the ship. The more we can quietly emphasize the fact that this belongs to our Church program for promoting the Gospel the better it will be and the sooner the situation will be settled. I have received no communication from Dr. King about a proposed trip of his into the Territory for the rededication and a Preaching Mission. My own feeling was that the months of January, February, and March would be bad for a Preaching Mission because of the roughness of the weather for the ship. The decision now has been made to have the rededication service at the time of Presbytery. If you concur in this then we will have settled the matter before any communication comes from him. I do not want to be unfair or show lack of appreciation to him in this matter but your letter leads me to believe that this decision is best.

You indicate in your letter that you are getting along alright with "the boys". Does this mean you have another one on the boat besides William Woods or is it a general situation which you imply? We have heard nothing from you about a man to replace Andrew and, of course, are not paying out anything from here for that salary. This reminds me that we certainly do need some definite reports from you for a period since last July. We need your monthly activity reports as well as the financial ones. Realizing the number of situations up

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there which may cause you irritation and difficulty in keeping a sweet disposition, I have no desire to complicate your problems by bringing pressure to bear upon you from the office. However, I am serious about the thing that unless you and I get this matter of the financial reports cleaned up and taken care of shortly both of us are going to be on the carpet. I have managed to cover up the things thus far with the Treasury but I am expecting any day for them to descend upon me about it. For your good and mine take the time and energy to complete all those reports up to date and forward them to us.

You will be interested to know that the Board took action last week in making a \$2000. grant loan to the Presbytery for the Craig manse. It will be necessary for us to execute the papers concerning a Grant Loan Mortgage by the Presbytery before the money will be available. We are seeking the papers and will forward them to Mr. Swogger as early as possible. Also you will be interested to know that I made a plea before the Board for some salary adjustments for our ordained missionaries because of the high cost of living. We hope to get this whole matter worked out next week. So far as I can see now it ought to mean a ten dollar a month increase in salary for you. We have done this as an evidence of our deep concern for the fine job which all of you are trying to do in Alaska.

Blessings upon you and yours during this Christmas Season!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Dictated but not
signed by Dr. Jackman

Enc. Miss Stauffer's letter to The Rev. Mr. Prouty dated Nov. 27, 1945.

Miss Vint

Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

December 21, 1945

On October 22nd we sent Dr. Morse a memo asking for the approval of transferring the \$300.- appropriated for Mainwright for a light plant under the \$75,000. National Missions Bldg. Repairs and Equipment allocation to Kasaan. Dr. Morse approved of this transfer but through an oversight it does not appear in the Minutes of the Cabinet of Missionary Operation of November 15th although a memorandum was sent to the Cabinet in reference to this transfer. We shall take this matter up with Mr. Dimmitt upon his return from a field trip.

In the meantime, may we ask you to charge the attached bills to this \$75,000 National Missions Bldg. Repairs and Equipment Account for Kasaan in the amount of \$300. and the balance of \$106.90 may be charged to Alaska Presbytery Repairs on Church property per Docket Sheet #49. This total of \$406.90 should then be credited to the Princeton-Hall Depreciation Fund (per 9/20/45 Board Minutes) as a part of the Field Receipts from the operation of the ship.

Unit of Work in Alaska

FK & H

per

Att.: Kasaan Bills amounting to \$406.90

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Sept. 29 '45

Dear Earl;

It has been a joyous service to help Miss Emma Stauffer get established at Kasaan.

She is enthusiastic and the people of Kasaan likewise.

Andrew worked over the house as much as he could in the short time we had and he did a noteworthy job. He is to be commended for his efforts there.

The stove from Schwabacher came and we had a meal from its cooking.

Other items that were placed in the house are on the lists enclosed and were paid for from Princeton-Hall funds.

Miss Taylor was along for the Kasaan enterprise, she did nobly. Scrubbed floors, woodwork, cooked meals and is now at home on the boat for further association with the Presbyterian enterprises in S.E. Alaska. We had a pretty fair blow yesterday and she came thro O.K.

Cyrus Peck also has a splendid beginning at Klukwan. We will get his Klawock furniture as soon as weather permits.

Equipment for Kasaan as follows

Sept 26 purchases	\$395.21
" " Spruce lumber	3.30
" " Fgt on Stove	4.00
" 27 Purchases	4.40
	\$ 406.91

Edward Freeman has this day returned the \$50.00 given him from the P.-H. funds for Kasaan transportation.

Bills enclosed, I have no other copies,

Hurriedly and Sincerely,

Paul

10-10-1915 excerpt from Dr. J.'s letter:

"The bills for Kasan are rather heavy but must be paid. I thought somewhere we had put in a list of some money for there. If this cannot be found in regular Nat'l Bldg. & Repairs or our allotment of the \$75,000. special grant then we must take it from the unexpended bal. of the \$20,000. ant. If there is not enough margin there we can take it from our S.I.C. fund. When we get a further report we can adjust it. If possible we might transfer this as a credit to Princeton-Hall Field Receipts....." FK

~~Meeting on Oct 13
Bldg. & Repairs for Kasan
Oct. 13, 1915 - allocation
for Arctic Coast bills
Bal 7678.17 for " " "~~

~~Could \$300. - appropriated
for Arctic Coast (light plant)
under
\$7500. - allocation for
trans. to Kasan
and full light plant
etc. be taken out of Kasan.
Only Oct 2~~

will ask J. W. Morse.

O.K. - \$300.
Take bal from N. M. B & R.
acct.

December 22, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We have received your accounting and reports up to the end of September. I have not looked into the envelopes yet which contain the bills and checks but from the summary which you give us everything seems to be pretty clear. We have copied from your deposit book the deposits from July on and are keeping this record so we can return the book to you.

From other funds, we are covering the expenditures on Kasaan and placing this amount in the Princeton-Hall Depreciation account. The check for the balance which you sent will also go into the same account. We found there is a slight difference between the amount which you stated in your summary and the amount of bills which you sent us for expenditures on Kasaan. Two small items for which we have bills were not included in your summary statement. Since we have the bills for them, we are transferring the full amount from the money available for Kasaan repairs to the Depreciation Account.

The matter of wages to John Williams presents a real tangle. The budget year has now closed and we cannot get that out of salary items to transfer to the Depreciation Account. It will have to remain as an expense against the operation of the ship and be lost to depreciation and renovation. It presents another problem because it involves the Board with the Bureau of Internal Revenue in the matter of tax. Wherever we employ laymen we are required to take the income tax from their wages and forward it to the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue. Payments of this kind from the field gets the Board into trouble. We shall try to cover it this time by listing it as an expense of operation but in the future these payments for wages must be made from headquarters with tax exemption certificates completed and taxes withheld at the source on wages. In the matter of deck hand service for Willard you paid, I presume, about ten dollars a week which does not involve us in income tax withholding but wages of larger amount on which taxes must be withheld have to be paid here from headquarters.

You reported to us early in November that Andrew Wanamaker had consented to leave the boat and go back to his trade as a carpenter. In following up the matter about Klukwan we have taken it for granted that Andrew would expect to go up there and do the carpentry work on the repair job. We have no report

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from you that he is back on the boat but now we have a voucher signed by him for salary for one-half of November and all of December. It looks to me as though you might have made out this voucher for him and then had him sign it but there is no report with it so I do not know whether he has served on the ship during that period of time. Inasmuch as we wrote Andrew some two months ago telling him he would have to make out a separate report to send in with the voucher to get his salary check my first impulse was to say that we would not pay it because we have no evidence of his service over that period of time. On the other hand, if he has served this period of time the money is due him and he ought to have it. We are asking the treasury to give us the checks for it and we will forward them to you as a precaution. This procedure will not be approved by the auditors unless we have some more evidence that the money is due him. We shall expect him to send in reports covering this period of time.

While we are on the same subject, please remind William Woods that we have to have a report and voucher signed in ink by him. It is becoming necessary for us to close in a little tighter on this matter of reports and signed vouchers. Last summer we had to hold up Walter Soboleff's check as his reports were long over due. We don't like to do such things but the auditing system here demands a strict accounting.

I have been in contact with our Insurance Office here and we have agreed at least to make an attempt to get a settlement with the Insurance Company upon the basis of the report which you and Andrew have forwarded. There are certain things which I can eliminate as items other than fire damage but some items will require a guess on my part. There is no estimate for the amount of labor and we shall have to guess at this. On this basis we are going to attempt a settlement with the Insurance Company at an early date. I feel sure that sufficient money will be available for us to go ahead in repairing the manse and renovating the Church building including the roof. It will be a little while yet before I can give you an official approval on it.

Some two months ago I wrote up about the possibility of plan for seating in the new Church at Hoonah. No reply came from anyone until about two weeks we received word from Willis Booth saying he hoped the chairs were being shipped because Mr. Foss had no report yet on paws. Our first inquiry shows that no chairs are available. One firm reports that they will begin manufacture on them about February 1st. We shall continue our investigation but have no hope yet for chairs for the Church.

We have had a very disturbing letter from Alwin Gall at Hydaburg. The Alaska Steamship Company is holding up all of his furniture at Seattle for an extra payment of \$15. Before he left Emery, S.D. he paid the full freight charges clear through to Hydaburg. The extra furniture that Mr. Howell pur-

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chased for him in Seattle is being held in Ketchikan and has been
there

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chased for him in Seattle is being held in Ketchikan and has been there for a month waiting for an extra payment of \$15. for freight to get it to Hyaburg. They are living in very simple fashion because of these extra charges for freight.

We trust that you and the family will have a fine Christmas Season!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
JEJ:FK Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc.: Princeton-Hall bank book

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CRAIG ALASKA DEC 24 1945

J EARL JACKMAN

156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

THIS WIRE TO CONCUR WITH PLAN FOR REDEDICATION OR PRINCETON HALL
AT TIME OF PRESBYTERY STOP ARE NOW ON SOUTHERN ITINERARY EXPLAINED
IN LETTER STOP WARMEST HOLIDAY FELICITATIONS TO YOU AND YOURS

PAUL PROUTY

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America

156 Fifth Avenue New York 10, N. Y.

Klawock, Dec. 24 '45

Dear Earl;

Your long letter of Dec. 14 is appreciated I assure you. I had so much detail to see after in Juneau, to make the boat ready for this trip South that I could not reply there.

We are down here to do several things. To pick up children for Haines. To moderate a meeting of the Kake session and talk over in counsel manner their plans for the future. To spend Christmas in William Woods home town and to observe the progress in Klawock and Craig. And to call on Mr. Gall and his parish in Hydaburg, have not as yet met him. And to put the Princeton-Hall on the ways for examination. This can best be done in Metlakatla but am not sure they have a vacancy at this time. If not then we will find an opening in Ketchikan.

Also we have some things for Miss Stauffer at Kasaan and will enjoy visiting her work. Half the joy in going there is in meeting her enthusiastic reception of friends. Will try to take someone from Ketchikan or take her to Ketchikan, so she will have some feminine companionship from "her own race".

The session meeting in Kake, (evening of Dec. 21) was a delight. They faced the matter of supplying half their improvement costs, with real acceptance. Of course we must understand the Native mind in this counseling. To get full result and success for plans laid is something else again, but I think there is a fuse to power for that purpose too. I propose to use it. We have planned a series of meetings for Kake, beginning Jan. 17. Hope Walter Soboleff can participate, he has been formally invited.

The problems of budgets and deficits hang constantly over your shoulders in a way none of us realize I am sure. May God help us to share some of your burden in this matter.

I was not expecting an addition at this time to my salary, but if it comes I thank you deeply for it. Were it not for Mrs. Prouty's income we would find painful difficulty in making ends meet in present Alaskan conditions.

Am sending a wire concurring in your plan for rededication of the Princeton-Hall at time of Presbytery. I feel certain of the wisdom in that plan.

Sincerely,

Paul

advance notice of visit?
some mission?

December 27, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Paul H. Prouty
Box 2615
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Paul:

We are enclosing the check for \$221.17 for Andrew Wanamaker for one and one-half months salary. This is in accord with our recent letter to you that we would forward the check to you to be sure that everything was in order. We still want a report from Andrew that goes in connection with it.

Cordially yours,

JEJ:FK

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

Enc. Ck. #47016-\$221.17

